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Under Construction earns six high school awards

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Six students who work for Under Construction, The Herald-Sun's monthly teen section, won six awards April 5 from the N.C. High School Journalism contest.

Pete Kiehart, DeWarren Langley, Kristen Titus, Carrie Barnett, Matthew McDaniel and Sakura Christmas were recognized in the N.C. Press Club-sponsored contest. Langley and Kiehart took first place in columns and feature photos, respectively

"Every year, Under Construction tackles more challenging subjects. These students are just some of the many who contribute to the newspaper by covering teen issues," said Features Editor Cameron Tew.

Kiehart won for a photo of Northern High School student Jessica Tyler celebrating her graduation. The junior at Carolina Friends School began working with Under Construction last year after a monthlong summer internship with The Herald-Sun's photo department.

DeWarren Langley, a senior at Jordan High School, began writing guest columns for Under Construction at the start of last year. By late spring, he became a regular columnist and began tackling tough issues from the city's failed police chief search to the need for a city youth council to the effects of 9/11 on him and other students.

The Herald-Sun swept the column category: Kristen Titus, second; Carrie Barnett, third; and Matthew McDaniel, honorable mention. Sakura Christmas earned an honorable mention in feature writing.

First-place entries automatically receive entry in the National High School Journalism contest being hosted by the National Federation of Press Women.

Other area first-place winners were Andrew High (Jordan's Falcon's Cry), for sports writing; Shariyar Zarea (Falcon's Cry), news writing; Duke freshman Merrie Mosedale (Manteo High's Sound to Sea), feature writing; and Dorothy Allen (Northern High's The Round Table), for graphics.

Other local winners include:

News

Second: Charles Tennyson, Falcon's Cry; Chris Glazner, East Chapel Hill's ECHO.

Third: Julia Sendor, East Chapel Hill's ECHO.

Features

Second: Kevin Clark, Falcon's Cry.

Editorial

Second: Paul Thissen, ECHO.

Honorable mention: Mira Rahili, The Round Table.

Review

Second: Rajiv Penmesta, ECHO.

Opinion

HM: Kelly Schmader, The Round Table; Alex Waldorf, ECHO.

Notbale mention: Emily Hammond, Jabari Sellars, and Bryant Wilkerson, all of The Round Table; Cally Stanford and Matt Carter, Falcon's Cry.

Column

HM: Christopher Niedermann, ECHO.

Sports

HM: Charles Tennyson, Falcon's Cry.

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